

## CARRIER PIGEONS AT HOME.

How Fancier Berry Cares for His Winged Messengers.

Brought News of the Yacht Race to "The Evening World."

Getting official time of the turns made by yachts far out at sea, in a race, and printing it an hour later, seems to the ordinary newspaper man a gigantic feat, and to the public almost impossible.



JOHN C. JR. AND "ADDIE" BERRY. Yet "The Evening World" last week overcame wind and wave and the absence of a marine telegraph. In two instances the official finish of two of the trial races for the America's Cup were printed exclusively in this paper, and

ful training of his birds the success of the experiment was due.



"CAPT. SUMMERS." Mr. Berry is engaged in commercial pursuits in this city, and flies pigeons for amusement. He has been engaged in the pursuit only two years, yet so successful has he been in raising and training homers that he did not record a failure during the recent trial races. Several rival trainers not only scored dismal failures, but lost most of their birds.

Mr. Berry has thirty-seven pigeons, nearly all of which he has raised and trained himself. All descend from English and Belgian imported stock, and the cash value of each bird is considerable.

One in his loft is the get of E. C. Clark's noted bird, Petroleum, that in July last flew from Chicago to Ozone Park, L. I., in forty-four hours, actual flying time twenty-eight hours. Petroleum is valued at considerably over \$100, and Mr. Berry paid \$5 for his get while it was yet in that state of pigeonhood known as "squabs." He is still too young to fly.

The most highly prized birds in Mr. Berry's loft, however, are those which acted as "Evening World" messengers. Among these are: Capt. Summers, a beautiful silver bird, unregistered; Joe Q., No. 126; Tutti, No. 134; and Murray, No. 123.



MR. BERRY'S PIGEON COTE. Although Capt. Summers is not a registered bird, he deserves to be. He it was who brought in the message last week Thursday, exclusively announcing that the Colonia was the winner of the first trial race. A fac simile is given elsewhere.

Last week Saturday Capt. Summers also brought in the exclusive official announcement of the finish of the four would-be cup defenders in the triangular race.

poor birds get nothing to eat as an extra inducement for them to get home as soon as possible where they know they will surely find food.

Females, especially when they have been on the nest about ten days, make equally as good flyers as males.

Kind treatment and good feeding have endeared Mr. Berry's birds to their home. He estimates that 50 per cent. of his total raising have "dropped," possibly from having been shot or trapped by unscrupulous persons, but they sometimes return after long intervals.

July 22 last one disappeared, and returned Aug. 24, and one that was missed in April finally returned in July. They had probably been forcibly detained.

Equally interested with Mr. Berry in the handling of pigeons are his two little boys, Adam, or "Addie," as he is called, and John C. Jr. Both already are proficient trainers.

Another youngster, Charlie, Mrs. Berry and three other younger feminine members of the family, Libbie, Marjorie and the baby, are also rapidly becoming great pigeon fanciers.



JOHN C. BERRY.

As usual, the messengers, written on tissue paper, were securely wired between his two middle tail feathers, not at all interfering with the bird's flying. In this way it was easy for "The Evening World" to print the news of an event that had occurred twenty or thirty miles out at sea an hour or so before.

leg an aluminum band inscribed, for instance, "92 L. 1205."

This indicates that the bird is No. 1205; that he was registered in 1893, and that his owner belongs to the League.

The band, which is seamless, is put on the pigeon's leg when he is only four days old, and his feet are soft and pliable. Once on, the band seldom comes off, and as the bird grows, its security is insured.

According to Mr. Berry, pigeon-racers are superstitious only in that they will never use on another pigeon a band from one that has died.

fore, the message borne by the pigeon being instantly telegraphed to "The Evening World" office.

Mr. Berry's birds are all hardy and muscular. He feeds them the best mixed corn, peas and wheat, and in the Spring, vetches, a black imported seed.

He says they can fly from sunrise until sunset without rest, food or water, at the rate of 100 to 150 yards a minute. Before flying his pigeons he generally feeds them an hempseed, which has the same effect upon them as oats upon horses.

The day they are to fly, however, the

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